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This paper addresses the problem of true delay estimation during high level design. The existing delay estimation techniques either estimate the topological delay of the circuit which may be pessimistic, or use gate-level timing analysis for calculating the true delay, which may be prohibitively expensive. We show that the paths in the implementation of a behavioral specification can be partitioned into two sets, SP and UP. While the paths in SP can affect the delay of the circuit ...

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Various satisfiability problems in combinational logic blocks as, for example, test pattern generation, verification, and netlist optimization, can be solved efficiently by exploiting the fundamental concepts of propagation and justification. Therefore, fault effect propagation gains further importance. For the first time, we provide the theoretical background for a single path oriented fault effect propagation considering both single and multiple path sensitization. We call this approach SPOP. ...

**Keywords:** ATPG, test generation, propagation

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This paper presents a SAT-based ATPG tool targeting on a path-oriented transition fault model. Under this fault model, a transition fault is detected through the longest sensitizable path. In the ATPG process, we utilize an efficient false-path pruning technique to identify the longest sensitizable path through each fault site. We demonstrate that our new SAT-based ATPG can be orders-of-magnitude faster than a commercial ATPG tool. To demonstrate the quality of the tests generated by our approach ...

9 Test generation for primitive path delay faults in combinational circuits

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This paper presents a method of identifying primitive path-delay faults in combinational circuits, and deriving robust tests for all robustly testable primitive faults. It uses the concept of sensitizing cubes to reduce the search space. This approach helps identify faults that cannot be part of any primitive fault, and avoids attempting test generation for them. Sensitization conditions determined for primitive fault identification are also used in test generation, reducing test generation effort ...

**Keywords:** Sensitizing cubes, static sensitizability, primitive faults, test generation

**10 Timing analysis based on primitive path delay fault identification**

Mukund Sivaraman, Andrzej J. Strojwas

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We present a novel timing analysis mechanism which is based on identifying primitive path delay faults (primitive PDFs) in a circuit. We show that this approach gives the exact maximum delay of the circuit under the floating mode of operation assumption. Our timing analysis approach provides a framework where component delay correlations and signal correlations arising from fabrication process, signal propagation, and signal interaction effects can be handled very accurately. Under these effects ...

**Keywords:** timing analysis, false path, timing verification, path delay fault testing, primitive path delay faults, correlated delay, floating mode

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We consider the elimination of false paths in combinational circuits. We give the single generic algorithm that is used to solve this problem, and demonstrate that it is parameterized by a Boolean function called the sensitization condition. We give two criteria which we argue that a valid sensitization condition must meet, and introduce four conditions that have appeared in the recent literature, of which two meet the criteria and two do not. We then introduce a dynamic pr ...

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This paper proposes a fast multi-cycle path analysis method for large sequential circuits. It determines whether or not all the paths between every flip-flop pair are multi-cycle paths. The proposed method is based on ATPG techniques, especially on implication techniques, to utilize circuit structure and multi-cycle path condition directly. The method also checks whether or not the multi-cycle path may be invalidated by static hazards in combinational logic parts. Experimental results show that ...

**Keywords:** ATPG, implication, multi-cycle path, sequential circuits

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**Keywords:** critical path selection, false path, statistical timing analysis

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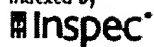
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**Keywords:** ATPG, implication, multi-cycle path, sequential circuits

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**Keywords:** FSM encoding, behavioral level analysis, encoding, finite state machines, logic design, multi-cycle false paths elimination, sequential circuit synthesis, sequential circuits, sequential switching, state encoding

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This paper addresses the problem of true delay estimation during high level design. The existing delay estimation techniques either estimate the topological delay of the circuit which may be pessimistic, or use gate-level timing analysis for calculating the true delay, which may be prohibitively expensive. We show that the paths in the implementation of a behavioral specification can be partitioned into two sets, SP and UP. While the paths in SP can affect the delay of the circuit ...

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In this paper we enhance the performance of multi-cycle path analysis in an industrial setting. Industrial designs are, in general, more complicated, but contain more information



than fundamental sequential circuits. We show how such information is used for improving the quality and the efficiency of multi-cycle path analysis. Specifically, we propose local FSM learning to take into account reachability information. We also propose **FF** enable learning to accelerate multi-cycle path analysis ...

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**Keywords:** clock frequency, delay analysis, embedded hardware architecture synthesis, high-level synthesis, operator chaining, target clock period, timing analysis, timing during scheduling

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Peter Dahlgren

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T. E. Marchok, A. El-Maleh, W. Maly, J. Rajski

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The research reported in this paper was conducted to identify those attributes, of both sequential circuits and structural, sequential automatic test pattern generation (ATPG) algorithms, which can lead to extremely high test generation times. The retiming transformation is used as a mechanism to create two classes of circuits which present varying degrees of complexity for test generation. It was observed for three different sequential test generators that the increase in complexity of testing ...

**Keywords:** VLSI, automatic test pattern generation, automatic testing, circuit attribute, density of encoding, design for testability, integrated circuit testing, logic testing, retiming transformation, sequential ATPG, sequential circuits, structural ATPG, test generation times, testing complexity, timing

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P. Beerel, W. Chou, K. Yun

September 1996 **Proceedings of the conference on European design automation**Full text available:  [pdf\(354.20 KB\)](#) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)**20 Advances in timing and simulation: False timing path identification using ATPG techniques and delay-based information**

Jing Zeng, Magdy Abadir, Jacob Abraham

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A well-known problem in timing verification of VLSI circuits using static timing analysis tools is the generation of false timing paths. This leads to a pessimistic estimation of the processor speed and wasted engineering effort spent optimizing unsensitizable paths. Earlier results have shown how ATPG techniques can be used to identify false paths efficiently [6],[9], as well as how to bridge the gap between the physical design on which the static timing analysis is based and the test view on w ...

**Keywords:** ATPG, false timing paths, static timing analysis, timing slack

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Cycle simulation techniques, such as levelized compiled code, can ordinarily be applied only to synchronous designs. They usually cannot be applied to designs containing circuit features like combinational paths, multiple clock domains, generated clocks, asynchronous resets, and transparent latches. This paper presents a novel partitioning algorithm that partitions a non-cycle-simulatable circuit containing these features into sub-circuits that can be cycle simulated. Cycle simulation techniques ...

**Keywords:** logic simulation, cycle simulation, circuit partitioning, levelized compiled code

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**Keywords:** application of multidimensional search, application of parametric method, strongly polynomial algorithms periodic graphs

**5 Cyclic and non-cyclic combinational circuit synthesis: The synthesis of cyclic combinational circuits**

Marc D. Riedel, Jehoshua Bruck

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Digital circuits are called combinational if they are memoryless: they have outputs that depend only on the current values of the inputs. Combinational circuits are generally thought of as acyclic (i.e., feed-forward) structures. And yet, cyclic circuits can be combinational. Cycles sometimes occur in designs synthesized from high-level descriptions. Feedback in such cases is carefully contrived, typically occurring when functional units are connected in a cyclic topology. Although the premise o ...

**Keywords:** combinational logic, cycles, feedback, logic synthesis

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Gianpiero Cabodi, Mihai Lazarescu, Luciano Lavagno, Sergio Nocco, Claudio Passerone, Stefano Quer


October 2002 **Proceedings of the 15th international symposium on System Synthesis**Full text available:  [pdf\(132.26 KB\)](#)Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)

Scheduling is widely recognized as a very important step in high-level synthesis. Nevertheless, it is usually done without taking into account the effects on the actual hardware implementation. This paper presents an efficient symbolic technique to concurrently integrate operation scheduling and resource allocation. The technique inherits all the features of "standard" BDD-based control dominated scheduling, including resource-constraining, speculation and pruning. In addition, it introduces an ...

**Keywords:** BDD, allocation, automata, high-level synthesis, scheduling

**8 An RTL Methodology to Enable Low Overhead Combinational Testing**

Subhrajit Bhattacharya, Sujit Dey, Bhaskar Sengupta

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designs. The methodology enables using combinational test patterns for testing the circuit, as done by traditional full-scan or parallel-scan schemes. However, by exploiting existing connectivity of registers through multiplexors and functional units, RT-SCAN reduces area overhead and test application times significantly compared to full-scan and parallel-scan schemes. Unlike most of the existing high-level te ...

**Keywords:** combinational circuits, RTL methodology, combinational testing, functional unit, RT-SCAN, multiplexor, register connectivity, application time, ATPG tool, area overhead, high-level test synthesis

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**Keywords:** 64-bit architectures, IA-64, JIT compilers, Java, instruction combining, memory access coalescing

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